

Beirut expected to ask for plane hijacker

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent
A Lebanese request for the extradition of Mohammed Ahmed Al-Toum, the Libyan who hijacked a Lebanese plane to Israel on Thursday, is expected to be submitted to Israel.

Lod sends IL 7,000 bill to MEA

POST AVIATION Correspondent
LOD AIRPORT. — The authorities at Lod Airport have sent a bill for the dollar equivalent of IL7,000 to the Lebanese Middle East Airlines for expenses incurred by the hijacking of the company's plane to Lod last Thursday.



QUEUES. — Long lines formed at Tel Aviv bus stations yesterday as 180 hired Dan bus drivers struck.

STRIKE DISRUPTS TEL AVIV BUSES

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The 180 hired drivers of the Dan bus cooperative went on strike yesterday to press demands for higher fringe benefits, causing disruption of bus service.

French test small N-bomb

WELLINGTON. — France continued her controversial nuclear test programme in the South Pacific yesterday with a low yield explosion over Mururoa Atoll, according to New Zealand Prime Minister Norman Kirk.

Soviets jeer Israeli athletes

MOSCOW (AP). — The Soviets packed the smallest gym in town with soldiers yesterday to jeer and howl at the Israeli basketball team at the world university games.

Amnesty for Greek political prisoners
Papadopoulos becomes President



ATHENS. — George Papadopoulos took the oath of office as Greece's first president yesterday and immediately announced a general amnesty for all political prisoners, including Alexandros Panagoulis, who three years ago tried to assassinate him.

Greek Vice-President Odysseus Angelis and George Papadopoulos (below), during the latter's swearing-in ceremony as president in the Greek Orthodox cathedral in Athens yesterday. (AP photograph)



Kenneth Keating, the new American Ambassador, receives flowers from a representative of the U.S. Embassy, upon his arrival yesterday at Lod.

New U.S. envoy seeks to 'enhance friendship'

By CHARLES WEISS
Jerusalem Post Reporter
LOD AIRPORT. — The new American Ambassador, Kenneth Keating, said yesterday evening that he regarded his task here as two-fold: enhancing the friendship between the U.S. and Israel and contributing to the advancement of peace.

QUIET FOR BRAZILIANS

Moshe Zilberman, Israeli high scorer with 23 points, said he had trouble keeping his mind on the game. The crowd was quiet when a Brazilian player was standing at the foul line.

Sapir meeting with teachers

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Mr. Sapir mentioned his impending meeting with the teachers in a short survey of the wage dispute at yesterday's weekly Cabinet session.

Parcel bomb in China's Zambian embassy

LUSAKA (UPI). — A parcel bomb exploded on Saturday in the Chinese Embassy, fatally injuring a woman, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

'Nightmare' violence in Chilean strike

SANTIAGO, Chile. — A Transport Union leader who supports the Government was yesterday reported killed in the midst of renewed violence and strikes that President Salvador Allende said was like "living in a nightmare."

ARMY LAND OFFERED FOR HOMES

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Defence Ministry has agreed to vacate 2,500 dunams of land close to urban areas — land now used for army installations — and transfer them to the State Lands Authority, for use as building plots to help solve the housing problems of young married couples, and for other uses.

Hussein 'won't agree to have terrorists return to Jordan'

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
King Hussein of Jordan will not allow the return of Palestinian sabotage organizations to his country, according to West Bank Arab sources close to top Amman officials.

Eban to Arabs: Join forces with us on air safety

LOD AIRPORT. — Foreign Minister Abba Eban called last night on the Arab states to join forces with Israel in efforts to bring about an effective law against terror in the air.

Cabinet agrees to Everyman's University

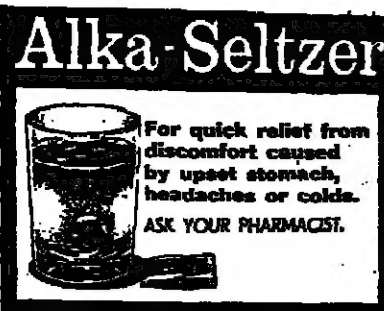
By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Tens of thousands of Israelis who are unable to attend regular university courses will be able to study at the Everyman's University, financed initially as a pilot project by the Keren Haedut Rothschild Foundation.

The only exclusive jewellery in Israel with a world wide guarantee

Advertisement for H. Stern Jewellers, featuring a diamond ring and text about exclusive jewelry and a world-wide guarantee.

Advertisement for I. Schneidman & Sons, a clothing store located at 128 Rehov Dizengoff, Tel Aviv, offering 30% reductions and a tax-free export scheme.

Advertisement for 'Develop Israel with Israel Bonds', encouraging citizens to invest in the country's development.



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Social and Personal

Police Minister Shlomo Hillel was yesterday presented with the first copy of the book "The Jewish People Under the Mandate" by a delegation representing the council set up to publish the book.

Ashkelon Mayor Abraham Blasbalg, Zalmu Abramov, M.K., and visitors from the U.S. yesterday attended a cornerstone-laying ceremony for the new Hassan technical school at Kfar Silver near Ashkelon.

The author Reuven Aivimov, editor of the Israel Defense Forces' memorial album, has received New York University's Bertha and Irving Newman Literary Prize.

Rev-Ahuf (Res.) Yitzhak Rabin and Aluf Rehavam Ze'evi have been made freemen of Netanya by unanimous vote of the city's Municipal Council.

A toy and games fair has been opened at the Khayy Cultural Centre in Netanya. Hours are 5 to 10:30 p.m. daily, until Thursday; admission is free.

Dr. Avner Shatzky, M.K., president of the Research Institute of Family Life and Family Law in Israel, will lecture on "Hebrew, Jewish and Israeli, and the problems that these create in Israeli Law" at the Institute, on Mount Zion (adjacent to King David's tomb), at 4 p.m. today.

ARRIVALS

Asher Ben-Zion, Israeli Ambassador to France, for a short visit. Prof. Benjamin Schneider, of the University of Maryland, for a year as guest lecturer at Bar-Ilan University in Organizational and Industrial Psychology.

Yehoshua Tzab, secretary-general and senior adviser of the Bank of Israel, after a year's professional study abroad.

DEPARTURES

Congressman Ogden Reid, former U.S. Ambassador to Israel, (by air). Joseph Korman, member of the Jewish Agency Executive and head of Youth Aliyah, for the U.S. to participate in the Madison Square Garden Convention, Colorado. (by air). Ari Rabin, managing editor of The Jerusalem Post, for the U.S. East and Latin America (by air France).

FOUR KILLED ON ROADS

Jerusalem Post Staff. Four persons — three of them pedestrians — were killed in separate road accidents yesterday and Saturday.

A Volkswagen van filled with labourers employed at Kfar Nimrod on the Golan Heights went out of control on a steep descent yesterday afternoon and plunged into a wadi. Assad Suleiman Sh'ab, 39, who was seated in front, was killed immediately. The driver, Suleiman Ali, 29, suffering medium injuries. None of the passengers in the rear of the truck was hurt. All the men were from Majdal Shams.

David Leibowitz, 77, of Ashdod, was killed yesterday when he was struck by a car on the main road outside Kiryat Maimon in the Lachish Region. The driver, Arye Hartum, was brought before an Ashdod magistrate and released on IL5,000 bail.

An unidentified woman was hit by a car last night when she stepped off a bus on the Petah Tikva-HaSharon road near the Prikuz factory. She died en route to hospital.

Elisaveta Cato, 60, of Moshav Ashmech died yesterday morning of injuries sustained Saturday night when he was run over by a private car on the Ramle-Lydda road.

Druse youth drowns in pond on Golan

Jerusalem Post Reporter. TIBERIAS. — Sheriff Jamal Abu Saleh, 21, of Majdal Shams, drowned in the Birket Ram pool yesterday. He was 16 years old when the body was discovered.

Jurists meeting opens

Jerusalem Post Reporter. Minister of Justice Ya'acov Shimshon Shapiro last night called on Jewish lawyers to lead the struggle for the legal rights of persecuted Jews in Arab countries and in the Soviet Union. He was addressing the opening session of the Second International Congress of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, at Binyanei Ha'Ooma in Jerusalem.

"You who are versed in the law must raise your voice," Mr. Shapiro asserted. "You must be part of the great effort to defend Jew whose only crime is their desire to come join their brethren in Zion."

The congress is being attended by 600 lawyers, judges and legal scholars — 350 from Israel and 250 from abroad. The Israel Bar Association is host organization.

In his welcoming remarks, Chief Justice Shimon Agranat said Israel's legislation in the past 25 years was the result of efforts to produce a system of laws "inspired by the vision of the Jewish nation being molded into one people again, as Jews returned to their fatherland."

The main objectives of current Israel law, he said, were the impartial administration of justice, plus social freedom.

He added, "We Jews have always lived by the words of Isaiah that 'Zion will be redeemed by justice and those who return to her, by righteousness.'"

The congress, which continues through Thursday evening, will hear panel and committee sessions, as well as seminars, in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

Nobel Peace Prize winner Professor Rene Cassin, who was supposed to attend the congress, could not come due to injuries suffered in an automobile accident two weeks ago. Another overseas guest scheduled to participate but unable to come was former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg.

Aluf (res.) Eyal Labour's choice to run Rishon



Aluf (res.) Shmuel Eyal, Labour's man to capture the Rishon LeZion Municipality from Gahal.

RISHON LEZION. — Aluf (Res.) Shmuel Eyal, former chief of the Army's manpower branch and until recently Israel Military Attache in Britain and Scandinavia, yesterday formally announced his candidacy for Mayor of Rishon LeZion as head of the Labour Alignment list.

Mr. Eyal told a news conference here that he accepted the Alignment's offer to head its Rishon list because of the challenge presented by the city's problems, chiefly in building and education. Another reason was "the general dissatisfaction of the population" with the Gahal administration of Mayor Haima Gibet.

He asserted that he would run "a clean campaign, free of personal defamations." Mr. Eyal resigned from the Army on August 7, after 35 years of service. He had held a series of important posts, starting with battalion commander of the Givati Brigade in the War of Independence. As O/C Manpower Division during the Six Day War and through the War of Attrition, he was one of the officers responsible for a period of unprecedented growth in the armed forces.

Manufacturers protest export funds policy

TEL AVIV. — The Manufacturers Association presidium yesterday registered a sharp protest at the latest tight money policy of the banks on export financing. The industrialists complained of the difficulties experienced by member firms in getting credit on the usual terms. They claim this has already hurt the export drive, and might make it not worthwhile to export many commodities.



WELCOME. — Chief Justice Shimon Agranat (centre) welcoming P. Steinhardt of the U.S. last night to the opening of the Second International Conference of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, at Binyanei Ha'Ooma in Jerusalem. At left is Mrs. Agranat. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

Israel denies U.S. Jews angry at plane incident

By DANIEL GOTTLIEB

WASHINGTON. — The Israel Embassy spokesman, Gad Ranan, denied a report yesterday that several leaders of the American-Jewish community had complained bitterly to Israeli Ambassador Simha Dinitz about the interception of the Iraqi airliner over Lebanon on August 10.

Columbians Rowland Evans and Robert Novak had quoted an anonymous but "prominent" Jewish leader with close ties to the Nixon Administration, as saying, "I have a sixth sense that Israel is getting too smart for her own good."

The columnist asserted that the complaints from the unnamed Jewish leaders were only part of the "new round of troubles Israel now confronts here."

These consist of Saudi Arabia's threat to hold back oil production increases the April 10 Israel raid on terrorist leaders in Beirut, the killing of a Moroccan in Norway on July 21 and Israel's plans for settlement in the territories, he said.

Commenting on the report of complaints to the Ambassador, Ranan said: "None of the Jewish leaders, discreetly or not discreetly, complained to the Ambassador about the Israeli action."

The columnist, who previously has warned of the possibility of a backlash against the American-Jewish community if the Jackson Amendment was attached to the trade bill, said yesterday that "Israel is encountering increasing resistance to its draconian, worldwide methods aimed at stamping out Palestinian terrorism."

So far, American officials have not echoed these sentiments in public nor have other well-known commentators.

Meanwhile, Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban, in an interview with the "New York Times" published yesterday, said that Israel did not expect anything to come out of Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim's visit to the Middle East.

But he added that it would be "fruitful" for Mr. Waldheim to take the temperature of the region.

"I welcome any peace idea which keeps it in the forefront even if conditions are not yet ripe for an agreement."

The newspaper's account of the interview led off by saying that the Foreign Minister scoffed at State Department suggestions that Israel produce some fresh ideas to break the Middle East stalemate.

What Mr. Eban said, according to the interview, was that time is indispensable to a solution of the Arab-Israeli problem, and that the Arabs must first recognize the full reality of war, terrorism and imposed solutions.

E. J'lem Arabs to stand for Labour Council

Jerusalem Post Reporter. For the first time since the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967, East Jerusalem Arabs will stand as candidates for positions in the Jerusalem Labour Council and as delegates to the 12th Histadrut National Convention which opens September 11.

Council Secretary David Ayalon told a meeting of Jerusalem trade union leaders yesterday that in the past four years Arab workers have been elected to important posts in five local and national unions — the Textile Workers, Building Workers, Hotel Employees, Metal Workers and Printers Union.

According to Mr. Ayalon, approximately 8,000 East Jerusalem Arabs have joined the Histadrut so far and they comprise more than half the regularly employed workers in East Jerusalem.

Cut the price — or else

A group of young couples demonstrating outside the Housing Ministry in Jerusalem yesterday threatened to convert to Christianity if the IL20,000 increase in the price of apartments was not revoked.

The group, which claims to represent some 30 young couples, says that when they first registered with the Ministry in 1970, the price of the apartments was about IL14,000. They have since been informed that they will have to add another IL20,000 to the original price.

The young couples have sent letters to the Prime Minister and her Cabinet, the Chief Rabbi and others threatening to convert. They are determined to continue their demonstration until the extra IL20,000 is revoked. (Him)

High schools told to lower tuition

The Ministry of Education has ordered a number of secondary schools to lower their tuition fees to move into line with the official rates approved by the Government last month.

The Ministry spokesman said yesterday that tuition fees had been officially raised by 22 per cent, and that they now ranged between IL1,580 for 10th grade pupils and IL1,751 for 12th graders. Those schools that have required parents to sign promissory notes for more have been ordered to reduce the sums to the approved levels, he said.

The secretary of the Municipal Employees' division of the Clerical and Administrative Workers Union, Moshe Bartal, told the Histadrut leadership his members will now not negotiate with Mr. Sapir, who is not their employer. They will talk only with the Union of Local Authorities.

The Union representatives had come to appeal the agreement reached last week between the Government and the Histadrut which led to the cancellation of the threatened strike of all Government and municipal employees.

Meri loses one bid to delay Histadrut poll

TEL AVIV. — The District Court here yesterday rejected a request from Meri (formerly Hacham Hasei) that it hold up the forthcoming Histadrut elections, scheduled for September 11, until the party receives copies of the voters' roll.

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If Meri did not receive copies from most voting regions, this was simply because the party had not requested them. Consequently, Judge Elihu Manny saw no reason to issue an injunction on these grounds.

The Court also rejected Meri's request for an injunction to bar Histadrut employees from serving on polling committees for the labour federation election. The people involved, from the Histadrut's Taxation Department, do this as part of their job, the Judge ruled. He noted that they do not receive special payment for their services. There were no grounds to suspect they would be exploited for political ends, he added.

The left-wing faction's other requests — for injunctions to stop holding of Histadrut elections in the territories, and to require that an equal number of voting slips be provided each party — also failed. Judge Manny told the appellants to take their case to the Histadrut's central control committee.

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In great sorrow, we mourn the death of my beloved husband, our father and grandfather,

MAX SCHIFFMAN

The funeral will take place on Monday, August 20, 1973 at 12 noon in the Kiryat Shani cemetery.

His wife, Gilda Pittigman
His son, Corrado and family
His brother, Guido and family

In deep sorrow, we announce the sudden passing of my beloved husband, our father, father-in-law, grandfather, and brother,

Dr. ING. ALDO LEVI

The funeral took place yesterday, Sunday, August 19, 1973, in Ramat Hasharon.

My dear husband

L. H. van der Heyden

has passed away.

Corolla Dopperkade 6
Amsterdam, August 18, 1973

Année van der Heyden-Lob and family

LABOUR PARTY ADOPTS LEFT-LEANING PLATFORM

By MARK SEGAL

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party Central Committee yesterday adopted a left-leaning platform for the Histadrut elections, and endorsed its list of Histadrut candidates.

The first four names are: Prime Minister Golda Meir, Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, Deputy General Yehoshua Moshel, and Moshe Meir, Histadrut Secretary Beba Idelson. Mrs. Meir and Mrs. Idelson are also the Party's chief candidates for the Meirzel Hapoalot elections. The biggest change in the list is the bigger representation of working men and women.

The platform, drafted by a committee under the chairmanship of former Histadrut Secretary-General Aharon Becker, reflected the Labour Party's desire to mollify its Mapam Alignment partner; and it also showed the influence of Mr. Ben-Aharon.

But Mr. Shlomo Derech of the Kibbutz Ha'meuhad Movement protested that although the original draft had included a call "to strengthen the settlement movement by establishing new outposts and settlements," this was omitted in the final draft to please Mapam.

The platform sets minimum pay at 60 per cent of average wages and calls for a mid-year automatic cost-of-living allowance. If payment is warranted, the Alignment opposes compulsory arbitration for labour disputes and any limitations on strike actions. It also promises to look into the viability of a shorter working week.

The Alignment platform also talks of spreading industrial development and increasing the involvement of workers in management, both in the public and private sectors. Another plan refers to expanding cooption of workers onto management in Histadrut enterprises and more profit-sharing schemes.

Another point in the platform calls for closer cooperation between the Government, the Histadrut and the employees in anti-inflationary measures.

Efforts will be made to renew all collective work contracts within three months of the expiration of the previous one.

As far as the Histadrut economic sector is concerned, it was resolved to continue partnerships with private capital on condition that adequate influence in the firm's management is allowed.

The Alignment platform calls for complete equality between the sexes in matters of working conditions and wages; for income tax relief to encourage mothers to go out to work; vocational training for women; and the development of day creches for working mothers.

The Alignment also committed itself to help ex-soldiers from the Druse and Arab communities to find suitable jobs and to find suitable jobs and provide broader vocational training for Arab women.

Mr. Moshel, reporting on the work of the appointments committee, explained that of 1,101 Histadrut Party list was compiled by drawing 60 per cent from the branches, half of whom come from work places (not functionaries), and 40 per cent on the central list.

With this entire framework the committee also had to apportion quotas — 25 per cent to women, 10 per cent to the youth and so forth.

Mr. Moshel then read out the list:

Mr. Meir, Mr. Ben-Aharon, Mr. Moshel, Mrs. Idelson, Labour Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadin and a vacant place, which Mr. Moshel explained was for ex-Raf to fill. Ex-Raf circles told this reporter that they hoped that Transport Minister Shimon Peres would agree to stand.

Next come the other 15 members of the Histadrut Central Committee, then a group of public personalities such as Aharon Becker, Labour Party Deputy Secretary-General Avraham Gevuler; Tel Aviv Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz; Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek; Jerusalem Labour Party branch boss Moshe Baran, Kiryat Shani Mayor Secretary Danny Rosolio followed by such names as Dr. Israel Katz, Mrs. Hanna Zemer and Mrs. Oran Namir. At about the 500th place there was the curious juxtaposition of J.N.F. President Ya'acov Taur and Ashdod port workers' boss Yehoshua Peretz.

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'Kollek sacrificing city to investors'

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mayor Teddy Kollek was accused yesterday of sacrificing the interests of Jerusalem's residents in order to satisfy the foreign investors in the projected El Al Hotel.

The eight-story hotel is planned for the Omariya tract near the railway station, where an apartment tower has already gone up. Yehuda Haezrahi, chairman of the Jerusalem branch of the Council for a Beautiful Israel, quoted Mr. Kollek's remarks at a recent Municipal Council meeting that commitments had been made to the investors and that "you can't play with people." Said Mr. Haezrahi: "But you can play with the people of Jerusalem."

He was speaking at a press conference at which opponents of the proposed 350-room hotel announced that they would campaign to have it rejected when it comes before the District Planning Commission.

Mrs. Shula Karmi, a resident of the Talbiya Quarter which borders the proposed hotel site, said the Mayor has not given the public the reasons behind the Local Planning Committee's decision to approve the hotel. "We can bring 1001 reasons why it shouldn't be built, and we haven't been given a single reason why it should be built."

Prof. Shalom Reichman, also a Talbiya resident, said Jerusalem residents had already filed 70 objections to the hotel with the Local Planning Committee. He added that the hotel is opposed by the Municipal Plan-

ning Division as well as by Meron Benvenisti, who holds the planning portfolio on the Municipal Council. These objections, he said, had been totally ignored by Mr. Kollek and the Planning Committee, which gave its approval to the hotel last month after a five-minute discussion.

Prof. Bruno said Jerusalem, compared to other world cities, had very little public open space available in its center. The Omariya plot in which the hotel would stand was the last reserve that could be developed as such a central park. Even with the planned 100-dunam park in the Nicotris Strip north of the railway station, Prof. Bruno said, Jerusalem would still have only 200-250 dunams of public open space in a central area covering 2,500 dunams.

Prof. Shalom Reichman, a Hebrew University geographer, said building the hotel on the Omariya site would create a major traffic bottleneck in the future. The Omariya plot was the narrow funnel through which all traffic now flows into the city center from the rapidly growing developments to the south. Building a major hotel next to one of the only two road arteries that can carry this traffic, he said, meant closing off the option of widening this roadway to provide special lanes for public transport.

By thus constricting traffic going through the Omariya, this one building might eventually force the construction of a new north-south roadway through the Hinnom Valley below the Old City, Prof. Reichman said.

Kollek stands firm for Benvenisti

Jerusalem Post Reporter

In the face of almost total opposition from the Labour Party leadership in Jerusalem, Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday reiterated his insistence that Meron Benvenisti be appointed a deputy mayor during the coming term.

Mr. Kollek, who has said his own decision to run again hinges on the party's agreement to Mr. Benvenisti's appointment, said in a prepared statement that he is not willing to make any concessions in this matter.

Mr. Kollek's statement came in the wake of publication in an afternoon newspaper yesterday of excerpts from a transcript of a meeting last week of the Labour Party executive on the Benvenisti issue. The transcript revealed almost total opposition to Benvenisti's appointment. Mr. Kollek was told by several members that he could place Benvenisti in charge of planning if he wanted to, but without naming him deputy mayor.

One member was quoted as saying that ex-Rafi members within the Labour Party already occupy the majority and one deputy mayorship and that ex-Mafel was entitled to the other two deputy mayorships. The party was likely to win. Another member reportedly said "No one made as many problems for Teddy as Meron did," an apparent reference to Benvenisti's outspokenness on Arab rights and planning issues. The party leaders favoured the appointment of Zvi Rosenne, party branch secretary, to the deputy mayorship.

Benvenisti was responsible two years ago for setting up the Urban Planning Unit which for the first time gave the Municipality a strong

planning arm. He gave up his planning responsibilities shortly afterwards, however, when he was not named deputy mayor. He resumed his planning responsibilities a few months ago on the understanding that he would be named deputy mayor if he continued with the job after the coming elections.

A planning source said last night that the replacement of Benvenisti by a party functionary would constitute "20 steps backwards" for planning in the city. Benvenisti's strong leadership, independence and planning acumen is considered by many to be essential for an effective planning organization in Jerusalem. Meanwhile, a four-man committee named by the Jerusalem Labour Party to decide between Benvenisti and Rosenne as the party nominee for deputy mayor announced yesterday that it will put off its decision until after the Histadrut elections next month.

Leaking gas feels five at Lod

LOD AIRPORT. — Five airport workers were rushed to hospital on Saturday night after being affected by gases coming from a damaged container stored in the customs house.

The five men — two storemen, two customs policemen and a porter — had felt dizziness and headaches come on as gas from the damaged container filled the customs house. They were taken to Tel Hashomer Hospital, and released after treatment.

Work was stopped briefly while the area was ventilated. (Nim)



The Philatelic Service has designed a new group of stamps to be issued next October: (Left to right) a stamp marking the 50th Anniversary of the rescue of Danish Jews; the next two issues in the "Israel Scenes" series, depicting the Plain of Zebulun and Tel Dan; and a stamp commemorating the Technion's Jubilee (1924-74).

Grade school teachers hold off on strike

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The country's elementary school teachers decided yesterday not to strike for the time being, after four hours of heated negotiations at the Histadrut Teachers Union Central Committee.

The committee met in extraordinary session to decide whether to join the strike launched yesterday by the Secondary School Teachers Association for higher pay. After prolonged debates, the members decided to dispatch an "urgent" appeal to the Ministers of Finance and Education, calling on them to resume immediate negotiations with the teachers on the basis of proposals which the teachers allege Mr. Sapir made during an August 2 meeting.

Mr. Sapir was scheduled to meet with representatives of the two teachers' unions tonight. According to the teachers, Mr. Sapir offered to raise the teachers' salary by an average of 11.00 a month. At another meeting the next day, they say, he backed down from his original offer, saying that he had just been "string ideas without committing himself." It was then that the Secondary School Teachers Association declared its labour dispute.

The rival Histadrut Teachers Union, most of whose members teach in the elementary schools, now says that the negotiations ought to be resumed forthwith and concluded by this weekend. If not, the decision says, "the union will take further steps." These would most likely include a declaration of

a labour dispute on August 26, which would allow the teachers to strike 14 days later.

The Histadrut union leaders found themselves in a difficult position yesterday, with a large proportion of their membership favouring the more militant position taken by the Secondary School Teachers Association. It took the leadership much effort to get the more moderate decision adopted. Union Secretary-General Shalom Levin explained, "It is not such a difficult thing for the high school teachers to boycott classes. At most it can mean that 150,000 teachers stay home. But if we initiated a walkout by elementary school and kindergarten teachers, it would mean that mothers would not be able to go to work because they had to stay at home and care for the young children. This could affect the whole economy."

Officially the country's 7,000 high school teachers are on strike as of yesterday, although the summer vacation is not yet over. The strike directly affects 450 teachers, principals and inspectors who do work during the summer months and may affect preparations for the opening of the new school year.

The teachers are demanding that their salaries be equated with those of the engineers, to which they are officially linked. Last December they did get a 16.8 per cent hike on the same ground, but the engineers have since secured additional pay benefits and the teachers now demand that their wages be raised accordingly.

Volume traces history of tourism

The first comprehensive collection on tourism to the Holy Land, which appeared last month in English, will be published in Hebrew later this month. Edited by Chaim Klein, director of the Tourism Ministry's publications division, the 30 chapters of the 300-page volume, "The Second Million," deal with every significant aspect of the industry that has become Israel's major foreign currency earner.

The authors of the chapters are mainly Ministry personnel, from Minister Moshe Kol down. But there are also some pleasant exceptions, including "Beginnings of Tourism to the Holy Land" by Robert Smyrk, former assistant general manager in London of Thomas Cook and Sons, the world renowned travel agency. In 1888, its founder, Thomas Cook, arranged the first organized tour of the Holy Land — a month's excursion on horseback by a group of 30 men, with pack animals travelling ahead to set up evening camp.

But the adventurous travellers at the turn of the century had neither heard of nor were they concerned with the hopes for the rebirth of the Jewish national homeland. It was not until 1920, a few years after Allenby's conquest of Palestine, that Eliezer Siegfried Hordien, chairman of the Anglo-Palestine Bank, with the encouragement of the Jewish Agency set up the first local travel agency, a subsidiary company known as the Palestine Express Co., later the Palestine and Egypt Lloyd, Ltd.

This company, now Felthous, Ltd., whose director-general, Benjamin Sammon, recounts the story — bravely opened offices in Jaffa and Jerusalem when physical hardships and lack of the most elementary tourist amenities were compounded by Arab riots against Jewish settlements. Despite the grim outlook, business was good — so good that by 1928 the company decided to open branches throughout the Middle East — the first one in Cairo.

Sammon gives a vivid account of the early days, and of harmonious Arab-Jewish cooperation in the tourist effort in Cairo, Alexandria and Port Said. Not all the spice comes from "outdoors," and the Ministry's spokesman Michael Gidon, in tracing hospitality in Jewish history includes this gem from II Samuel 12:4 among his Biblical examples: "And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock, and of his own herd, to dress for the way-faring man that was come unto him; but he took the poor man's lamb and dressed it for the man."

The title of the book comes from the anchor piece by the Ministry's director-general, Hanoch Givon, who sees the prospect of two-million tourists a year as a perfectly feasible goal in 1985 — barring unforeseen developments (the million mark to be tipped within the next two years).

Mr. Klein's initiative and choice of contributors have produced a work on the past, present and future of Israeli tourism which is interesting, useful and fills a much-needed void in an area not dealt with comprehensively by any previous single publication. G.L.

Leftist aim at strike campaign

TEL AVIV. — Moked — Maki and the New Left — on Friday decided to launch a campaign among factory workers to hold strikes against price increases. This new strategy resulted from Moked's weekend meeting of its trade union group.

Tass carries excerpts from Yiddish paper

MOSCOW (AFP). — The official Soviet news agency Tass carried for the first time excerpts from "Der Birobidzhaner Shtern," the last remaining expression of Yiddish culture in the Birobidzhan Jewish Autonomous Region in the Soviet Far East.

The excerpts taken describe the lives of people — all with Jewish-sounding names — engaged in various occupations in the region. A seamstress, Pearl Smilovskaya, is able to live well and provide for her family on the 800 roubles she earns each month; a transformer factory managed by Mark Kaufman set a new productivity record; and a driver called Mark Blustein received a special certificate of commendation from the Labour Ministry for his part in the harvest.

Jewish settlement in Birobidzhan began in 1928 and reached its peak 20 years later, when there were some 30,000 Jews in the region. It has declined sharply since, and the two-page "Birobidzhaner Shtern," which appears five times a week, is the last remnant of a once flourishing Yiddish culture.



Kibbutzim thwart Nesher's plans for North Negev

BEERSHEBA. — An attempt by the Nesher cement company to search for raw materials in the Northern Negev has been thwarted by ecology-minded kibbutzim in the Beit Kama area. Noticing Nesher employees drilling in the area, several kibbutzim protested to the Interior Ministry and the State Lands Authority, saying they did not want "ecological problems in our area." The State Lands Authority replied that Nesher will not receive any land to set up a cement factory in the Beit Kama area. He said that according to a recent geological survey Nesher will be directed to carry out operations in a national industrial zone to be set up in the Dimona-Arad-Beersheba triangle. He said this area contained enough raw material to produce 700,000 tons of cement. (Nim)



CHANGE OF GUARD. — The incoming and outgoing commanders of the Jerusalem Brigade — Ahuf-Mishne Ze'ev Ofer (left) and Ahuf-Mishne David Haguel (right) relaxing yesterday in the office of Mayor Teddy Kollek (centre), where the hand-over ceremony took place. A/M Haguel is taking up a senior staff post at Army G.H.Q. (Studio Scoop)

Fund-raising abroad to be controlled

Jerusalem Post Reporter

All institutions which receive financial help from the Government or the Jewish Agency and wish to raise funds abroad in their own private campaigns must first get approval from a joint Government-Agency committee and must coordinate these private campaigns according to the committee's direction, the Cabinet decided yesterday. The move in effect reiterated an earlier decision which had been ignored on many occasions by institutions — mainly universities — which organized fund drives abroad. These uncoordinated fund drives had interfered with the success of the Emergency Appeal established after the Six Day War of 1967.

Under the earlier decision, local

committees in countries abroad had unsuccessfully tried to control independent fund drives. Under the decision of yesterday, this local control will be duplicated in Jerusalem by the joint Government-Agency body, which will pressure would-be fund-raisers to keep in line, with the warning that they may jeopardize their regular subsidies from the Treasury or the Agency.

Institutions will now have to not only get approval in principle for their drives but also coordinate the dates and venues. One of the N.R.P. Ministers protested ineffectively that yeshivot which get relatively little financial aid from the authorities should not be curbed by the supreme Government-Agency body in independent

fund-raising. Another Minister was unsuccessful in arguing that the authorities have no right to impose controls on voluntary institutions supported by circles of voluntary donors.

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U.S. HAS HAD ENOUGH OF GLOOM AND DESPAIR

Agnew says he will fight to establish innocence

CENTREVILLE, Maryland (UPI).— Vice-President Spiro T. Agnew said on Saturday he intended to "fight to establish my innocence of any wrongdoing" in a developing scandal centered on state construction contracts. He said America "has had enough of gloom and despair — what we need now is hope and encouragement."

Speaking for the first time among his native Marylanders since the disclosure that he is under investigation in the matter, Agnew chastised anonymous news sources. He said the media was improperly leading reports of the investigation. "They have no hesitancy at all about violating my civil rights or my Constitutional rights — but I'll have more to say about that later," Agnew said.

Shortly before Agnew spoke in a campaign appearance on behalf of the Republican candidate in a special Congressional election here, officials in Baltimore said a Federal judge from Virginia was assigned to oversee any grand jury investigation of Agnew.

U.S. District Judge Walter E. Hoffman of the eastern district of

Virginia was appointed by Judge Clement F. Haynsworth of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The appointment of an out-of-state judge became necessary after all nine Maryland Federal judges disqualified themselves this week from sitting in the case.

Judge Haynsworth, who was an unsuccessful Nixon nominee for the Supreme Court, disclosed his selection in a letter to Maryland's chief district judge, Edward Northrop.

Agnew, campaigning for Republican Congressional candidate Robert Bauman on Maryland's eastern shore, was critical of public preoccupation with President Nixon's Watergate dilemma.

In his speech, which was repeatedly interrupted by applause, he said, "much of official Washington reminds me of a morbid crowd gathering around a fire-gutted building watching to see which new corpse is carried out."

"I think we've had enough of gloom and despair — what we need now is to forget this concentration in the masochistic pleasures some people take constantly looking at everything that they can find that

is wrong with America." Agnew said he was not speaking "of my own immediate problems." The kickback investigation is centered on activities during Agnew's term as Maryland Governor and as Vice-President, according to some newspapers.

Agnew also echoed President Nixon and Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz, saying it is time to forget Watergate. "It is time to get on with the business of governing, the business of leading," he said. Butz spoke earlier and referred to the Watergate hearings as a "TV extravaganza" and urged the scandal be forgotten.

There were no reports of casualties. The two offices are housed in the same building.

Writer 'paid to spy on McGovern'

NEW YORK (UPI). — A freelance writer said yesterday she was paid \$1,000 a week to travel with the George McGovern campaign last year and report her findings to an associate of President Nixon.

Lucienne Cummings Goldberg said she was employed by Murray Chotiner, a former adviser to President Nixon, "to just ride along on the McGovern plane and tell Chotiner what was going to happen the next day."

The "Washington Star-News" yesterday published a different version of Mrs. Goldberg's story. It quoted her as saying the information sought was not political intelligence but the "really dirty stuff — who was sleeping with whom, what the secret service men were doing with stew-

ardesses, who was smoking pot on the plane — that sort of thing. I was told to send it all along."

Mrs. Goldberg told UPI that she was "not terribly accurate." "They were not interested in sex and drugs and that sort of thing. They were interested in George McGovern, what his movements were, any change in plans or speeches. Anything I reported to them they could have read in the next day's newspaper," she said.

When asked why — if she had compromised no one, and if she had reported only the McGovern party's advance schedule — she was paid \$1,000 per week for her eight-week assignment, Mrs. Goldberg replied: "Well, as we've seen with the whole Watergate thing, money corrupts. There was an awful lot of money lying around, and I guess they thought they had to spend it, one way or the other. I don't know who was having an ego trip."

McGovern, asked about the matter on a television programme, said, "I don't remember her," but said he had received "reports of various spies" during his campaign.

Mrs. Goldberg also denied a "Washington Star-News" report that she had been told that Nixon "himself" had approved it (the plan). "Nobody ever told me the President said it was okay," she said. "I have no doubt Nixon never knew I was alive until today."

Mrs. Goldberg has been a freelance writer and a contributor to Women's News Service, a subsidiary of United Features Syndicate. William Fayetter, president of United Features, said Mrs. Goldberg told UPI officials about the "spy" operation and submitted her resignation.

Robber dies as French siege ends

BREIST (UPI). — The chief of France's anti-commando squad yesterday recounted the wind-up of a 37-hour siege that left one gunman dead, and a 71-year-old woman hostage unharmed.

The climax came on Saturday when one of the bank robbers — who had been in the home of Mrs. Marguerite le Moigne since Friday morning — shot himself in the head and the other gave up.

"At nightfall, we were afraid for a time, because we felt the gangsters were about to crack," Commissaire Jean Broussard said.

"We felt they might try to get away with the old lady in a car, and we would have had difficulty guaranteeing her safety."

The two gunmen, Paul Claramitano and Francois Philly, had demanded a getaway car and a guarantee from the Minister of the Interior to give them a free getaway with their hostage. Police turned the gangsters down.

The two men holed up in the house on Friday morning after robbing a bank and killing a police officer. Their getaway on foot failed, and they barricaded themselves in Mrs. le Moigne's home.

Police, including 12 members of the elite anti-commando squad, sealed the house and began their siege. Broussard said that in his negotiations he tried to play upon suspicions between the two men.

Yemeni executioner uses his sword

BEIRUT (Reuters). — A Yemeni executioner used a sword to carry out the death sentence of a convicted murderer in the (North) Yemen Arab Republic, it was reported from Sanaa, the capital, yesterday.

The Iraq news agency report named the condemned man as Abdel-Wahed Sharqi, but gave no other details. Several people have been sentenced to death and executed in Yemen in the past few weeks for actions against state security.



U.S. Defence Secretary James Schlesinger addresses newsmen in Washington on Saturday.

U.S. Defence chief warns Hanoi

WASHINGTON (AP). — U.S. Secretary of Defence James R. Schlesinger said on Friday he believes the Congress and the American people would support a new aerial intervention by the U.S. if Hanoi launched another all-out military offensive against South Vietnam.

Echoing an earlier warning by President Nixon following the end of U.S. bombing in Indochina on Wednesday, Schlesinger said, "It would be ill-advised for Hanoi to make a miscalculation at that regard."

In the Pentagon's first major statement since the bombing ended, Schlesinger contended that the cut-off was an "erosion" of the U.S. position that could lead the North Vietnamese to believe they have "a free ride."

He said the U.S. has tried to stress that the Indochina war has stemmed from Hanoi's actions, and the American commitment has been to give Saigon an opportunity to defend itself against aggression.

"MERCENARIES"

Schlesinger said he was not aware of any "broad programme" by Saigon to train what a questionnaire described as "mercenaries" of ethnic Cambodian descent to fight in Cambodia. He noted that the South Vietnamese have trained Cambodians in the past, and their own forces contain some soldiers of Khmer blood.

"I think that in circumstances of this sort," Schlesinger said, "the word 'mercenaries' does not accurately describe the basis of motivation."

Reports from Saigon have said South Vietnam was planning to send as many as 10,000 troops of Khmer ancestry to fight in Cambodia. Some areas of the Mekong Delta are populated largely by ethnic Cambodians.

IRA says it caused fire in Harrod's

LONDON (AP). — A statement purportedly from the outlawed Irish Republican Army (IRA) claimed responsibility yesterday for fire-bombs left in Harrod's, one of London's most famous department stores, during the night.

The statement warned similar attacks would continue against targets here until British troops get out of Northern Ireland.

Fires from incendiary devices broke out on Saturday night in the luggage and bedding departments of Harrod's, the department store where Queen Elizabeth sometimes shops. No casualties were reported and little damage was caused.

A British news agency said the IRA was responsible for the fire. The statement was signed by the "Irish Republican Publicity Bureau."

The statement claimed the fire-bombs were also placed in other leading department stores on Oxford and Regent streets, two of London's better shopping thoroughfares. There were no immediate reports, however, of fires in other stores.

"These operations were carried out by active service units operating in Britain in retaliation for the brutal treatment by the British Army of the nationalist population in Northern Ireland," the statement said.

It added that operations would continue until the British Government states that the Irish people will be allowed to decide their own destiny.

Syria, Lebanon border reopened

JERUSALEM Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Syria reopened its border with Lebanon on Friday afternoon to end a three-month diplomatic wrangle. The border was closed after Lebanese imposed restrictions on Syrian political and economic enterprises in Beirut following last May's strife between the Lebanese army and the Palestinian sabotage organizations.

The border reopening followed an agreement reached between the Syrian and Lebanese Foreign Ministers who had held four conferences in the past few weeks. The details of the agreement were not disclosed. Both countries pledged to consolidate their relations.

The border agreement was welcomed by several Arab states, because imports arriving through Beirut are re-routed via Syria.

Arab call for world boycott

MOWUT (Reuters). — A Lebanese newspaper yesterday urged Arabs to walk out of international organizations as a protest against what it described as the world's failure to curb Israeli violations of civilised laws.

"Al-Moharrer" was commenting on Israeli defiance of the U.N. Security Council's unanimous condemnation of the abduction of a Lebanese airline over Beirut on August 10, as reflected in recent remarks by Israeli Government leaders.

Noting a statement by the Israeli Chief of Staff, General David Elazar, that Israel would continue to pursue Palestinian terrorists outside the framework of international law, the left-leaning daily said the reply makes a mockery of world public opinion and international law and conventions.

"We also call on the Arab states collectively to act, at least once, outside the framework of international law and against Israel and the U.S.," the newspaper added.

Lebanon adds up 'Israel aggression'

BEIRUT (AP). — The Defence Ministry here asserted that Israel "committed 104 acts of aggression" against Lebanon over the past seven months.

The Lebanese statistics published yesterday gave the following breakdown: 82 violations of air space by Israeli jet fighters, three intrusions by Israeli navy units into territorial waters, and 19 cases of border crossing, shooting across the border and kidnapping of Lebanese citizens.

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Plague follows flood in Pakistan

KARACHI — Fears of outbreaks of cholera and other diseases yesterday posed further problems for harassed officials in flood-hit Pakistan.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said malaria and dysentery had already been reported, as floodwaters began to recede in parts of Punjab Province. Health officials in the city of Lahore said a cholera outbreak was feared, following two cholera deaths in the region.

The officials also said precautions were being taken against the spread of bubonic plague after two suspected cases were reported in a village south of Lahore.

The floods — worst in Pakistan's history — have already devastated the rich Punjab Province and are now threatening Sind Province to the south. The monsoon rains, which came on top of a severe drought, submerged millions of acres in the

Indian subcontinent.

Rivers swollen by the monsoon rains have killed hundreds and wrecked the economy of Pakistan, a Government spokesman said, but flood waters began receding in neighbouring India and Bangladesh on Friday.

Pakistani Prime Minister Bhutto toured devastated areas in Punjab on Friday. He met with homeless peasants camped in relief centres and promised "to help get them settled again."

A Pakistani Government spokesman said the death toll in his nation alone was "certainly in the hundreds" and might top 1,000. He said the floods had wrecked Pakistan's economy, causing about \$600m. in damages. "The economic picture for the current year is totally ruined," he said. Food shortages were also likely until the next harvest comes in eight months time. (UPI, Reuters)

U.K. skipper held in smuggling of Asian immigrants

HARWICH, England (AP). — John Rodger, skipper of the British trawler April Diamond, seized by Dutch police at Scheveningen Harbour on Friday, was escorted back to Britain by detectives early yesterday for questioning about smuggling illegal Asian immigrants into this country.

Rodger, a 35-year-old businessman, was detained in Scheveningen with one of his crewmen after police found 26 Asians aboard the trawler, apparently waiting to sail for Britain.

Rodger was not charged with any offence in the Netherlands, but British detectives questioned him in the Hague on Saturday. He later "accompanied" them to this south-east coastal town by ferry, a police spokesman said. He added that no statement would be issued after Rodger had been questioned.

The Scheveningen sloop followed a tip from Scotland Yard's illegal immigrant intelligence unit, set up to combat the international racket.

British authorities confirmed they had been waiting to pounce on the April Diamond when she landed here. But a leak to the press and radio apparently alerted the trawler's crew after she left the Netherlands, and the vessel headed for Scheveningen.

Police were reported angry about the leak. One officer told newsmen yesterday: "The press killed this thing for themselves by breaking it earlier in the week."

"The Sunday Times" reported the leak "spoiled the chance" of the biggest coup yet in the drive against illegal immigrants.

Police announced later that Rodger would be charged and would appear in court at Great Yarmouth today. No details of the charge were given.



A 17-year-old bride, Kathleen Aylwin, and her bridegroom, Patrick O'Driscoll, 20, are dwarfed by their 400-lb. 10 feet high wedding cake at their marriage in Horncchurch, England, on Saturday. Their wedding had been postponed for two months until a venue could be found to accommodate the giant cake, a tradition in the groom's family. (AP radiophoto)

Too much noise 'bad for man's sex life'

LONDON (AP). — Is too much noise bad for a man's sex life? A member of the British Parliament wants an urgent government investigation into the question.

Tom Torney, a Labour member from the industrial town of Bradford said yesterday that he is particularly concerned about the noise of factory chimneys. A group of West German doctors, he said, have found that deafness, induced by factory noise, led to the first signs of sexual indifference. Too much noise at work, according to this report, can diminish or

even stifle a man's prowess at love making, Torney said.

He submitted a motion to the House of Commons urging the Government to investigate what he called the alarming findings of the German study.

"If they are proved to be true, the government should take appropriate action forthwith," Torney told newsmen.

Meanwhile factory noise is certain to continue unabated for some time. Parliament is away for the summer recess.

Arab refugees threaten U.N.R.W.A.

BEIRUT (AP). — Palestinian refugees in a U.N.-supported camp threatened on Saturday to take action against the U.N. Relief and Works Agency (U.N.R.W.A.), unless it improves their living conditions.

The Palestinian news agency added that a health committee speaking for the 15,000 refugees of Tel Zaatar camp in east Beirut has accused the U.N.R.W.A. of dereliction tantamount to "complicity in a plot to annihilate the Palestinian people."

The committee demanded immediate action to eradicate epidemics in the camp, adequate provision of insecticides and medicines, better medical care and more clinics and doctors, improvement of the camp's water supply system, the paving of roads inside the camp, and the building of a sewage system. It also demanded financial aid for families and regular food rations for newly-born babies, the agency reported.

"Our people are capable of smashing the policies of U.N.R.W.A. with all the methods of struggle we deem fit to reclaim our rights," the committee warned.

'ECONOMIST' ON THE PLANE INTERCEPTION

U.N. vote was political, not an impartial judgement

LONDON. — Last Wednesday's Security Council resolution condemning Israel for forcing down an Arab airliner was an expression of practical politics rather than an impartial judgment or even an indication of the majority opinion in Europe and the U.S., says an editorial in this week's "Economist."

The editorial says: The Arabs have learned something about the U.N. by now, and they will not set very much store by their victory in the Security Council on Wednesday. It was a novel experience for them to watch all 15 members, and even the U.S., condemn Israel for forcing down that Caravelle on August 10 searching it for terrorists, and then delivering it back to Lebanon: as novel an experience, indeed, as watching an Arab airliner flying out of Libya become a hijack victim on Thursday. That unanimous vote of disapproval makes Israel look very lonely; and it is a mark of the Arabs' growing sophistication in U.N. politics that they did not insist on a resolution which demanded punishment as well as disapproval, and would thereby have got itself vetoed by the Americans.

But they will not confuse the shadow-world of the U.N. with the reality of the Middle East.

AVOIDING DISPLEASURE The Security Council has lately become, at least in the matter of Israel, what the General Assembly has long been. It is a place where votes are cast as much for the impression they create as for the sake of actually doing anything; as much to give satisfaction to people who matter to you, or to avoid their displeasure, as to register any real judgment on the rights and wrongs of a question.

The Arabs matter to western Europe, and increasingly to the U.S., because they have oil. It has therefore occurred to a number of governments, including Britain's, that the way their delegates vote in the U.N. is one means of keeping on the right side of the Arabs, especially so long as the U.S. can be counted on to block any resolution that would really hurt Israel.

There is a problem in this, because it adds to the cynicism with which people treat the U.N.: but it is why the Arabs are right not to read too much into what happened on Wednesday.

You can do almost anything with international law, and if the Israelis had wanted to they could even have put up some sort of argument in defence of what they did with the Caravelle. Iraq, the country whose airline had hired it and to which it was flying, claims to be at war with Israel, and countries at war know their ships are liable to be stopped and searched by the other side; it is not wholly implausible to extend that expectation from ships to aircraft, even though diverting an airliner is obviously a lot riskier than just telling a ship to leave.

There is the problem that Lebanon, in whose air space the Caravelle seems to have been intercepted, does not claim that it is at war with Israel. But then Lebanon's failure to do very much about the terrorists who use its territory as their headquarters might be held to have put its neutrality in some doubt. Certainly Lebanon ought to have acted some time ago against Dr. Habash, the man the Israelis were chiefly looking for. It was Dr. Habash's group that has organized many of the past four years' hijacking, and the killings at Lydda last year; and his claim that he has now turned against this sort of terrorism will not be regarded as convincing until he disciplines those of his subordinates who have not. There were the makings of a plea on behalf of the defence in all this. But the Israelis did not even attempt it. Mr. Dayan said on Sunday that he knew his country was breaking what most people regard as the rules, and merely observed that it had no alternative.

show in dealing with terrorists operating from bases outside its borders depends on what the rest of the world is doing to stop terrorism. The theory is that, since the U.N. came into being, no individual country is entitled to "take the law into its own hands" in these matters — Sir Donald Maitland (the British representative) words in the Security Council on Tuesday — because there now exists an international machinery for putting things right. The trouble is that, when it comes to this new sort of terrorism, such international machinery as there is has plainly got its flywheel knotted up with its crankshaft.

The U.N. committee that was set up after the Munich murders last year has not even managed to agree about what it should report to this year's General Assembly. The International Civil Aviation Organization is about to be invited to accept a new rule that would lay down penalties for countries which let hijackers land at their airports but then neither punish them nor extradite them; it is a good idea, but it is still only an idea, and it is far from certain that there are enough votes in the ICAO to put it on the statute book, or that the will to enforce it exists even if it does get formal approval.

As the Israelis have pointed out, the majority of Arab terrorists arrested in west European countries have been quickly released afterwards without trial. A new anti-hijacking convention might run into the same jelly.

ILLEGAL MINERFIELD This is an argument that Mr. Dayan will find goes down better than any attempt to pick a way through the legal minefield. The majority of people in Europe and the U.S., as distinct from the men who have to make the calculations about Security Council votes, would probably say two things about the Caravelle affair.

The first is that, if it did break the rules, Israel should not be treated any differently from other countries that have broken the same rules. These things slip out of the memory very easily, but not so easily that it will have been forgotten that the Libyan government forced a British airliner to land at Benghazi in 1971, by threatening to shoot it down, and removed from it two Sudanese who were subsequently sent to Sudan to be shot; that in 1956 French fighters forced a Moroccan plane carrying Mr. Ben Bella to land at a French-controlled airport; and that in 1967 a British aircraft carrying Mr. Tahombe, the Congolese ex-prime minister, was diverted to Algeria, and even if the Algerian government was not responsible for the hijacking it did keep Tahombe in detention until he died.

There were protests about all these things, but none of them was condemned by the Security Council, and none of them was even taken before it. It is one test of a workable law that the same offences should be treated in the same way. This has not happened, and Israel is entitled to say so.

The second thing most people would say is that the degree of self-restraint they expect Israel to

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Portugal admits 'reprisal act' against Africans

LISBON (UPI). — Portugal admitted on Saturday that its troops in Mozambique had committed "at least one" retaliatory act against natives there, but promised that Portuguese authorities would punish the guilty.

The Portuguese Defence Department said in a statement that an investigation indicated that "isolated forces, against the orders they received, committed at least one retaliatory act."

It said authorities would "find out who the guilty are so that fair punishment can be applied."

But the note implied the acts did not occur in the places alleged by Spanish missionaries. In July a group of Spanish missionaries expelled from Mozambique said they had evidence of five "massacres" of several hundred innocent villagers in the Portuguese territory where government troops are battling

guerrilla independence fighters.

As soon as accusations occurred about the behaviour of certain elements of the armed forces in Mozambique, the Government decided that a thorough inquiry should be made," the statement said. "The first results showed the total absence of the alleged facts in the places alleged by the accusers."

"This same thing was well proven by numerous foreign journalists who freely crossed the Tete region."

"As the inquiry continued, however, it became clear that isolated forces, against the orders they received, committed at least one case of retaliatory acts, but in a different part of the region."

"Proceeding according to the line that has always been affirmed by the Portuguese Government, the authorities in charge will find out who the guilty are so that fair punishment can be applied."

Marcos decorates Moslem envoys probing genocide

MANILA (AP). — Envoys sent by Islamic nations to look into charges of genocide against Filipino Moslems by the Philippine Government ended up yesterday being decorated by Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos.

Marcos conferred the ancient Order of Sultan Kudarat on the Foreign Ministers of Libya, Somalia, and Saudi Arabia, and the Senegal Ambassador to Egypt, "in recognition of extraordinary service to the cause of Filipino nationhood."

The mission was sent by the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers to investigate charges that the predominantly Christian Manila government was slowly exterminating Moslem Filipinos. After a three-day tour of the southern Philippines, which ended on Saturday, the mission was quoted by a Filipino Moslem official as saying there is no truth to the charges.

The Order of Sultan Kudarat is a new decoration named after the Sultan of Maguindanao.

Maguindanao, created as a new province on Saturday, is about 820 kms. south of Manila.

Libyan Foreign Minister Abdul Obidi said in accepting the award that both Moslems and Christians "have struggled together and fought together, and I am sure there is no reason why they cannot continue living in equality and justice."

The Moslem delegation is to leave the Philippines today.

17 die in Korea crash

SEOUL (Reuters). — Seventeen people were killed and 26 others injured, most of them seriously, when a bus plunged off a bridge and crashed into a sand beach here on Saturday night, police said yesterday.

ABRIDGED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF HASSNEH INSURANCE COMPANY OF ISRAEL LTD.

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1972

INVESTMENTS	IL	IL	IL
Debentures, Government, or Government guaranteed	104,118,926	4,457,979	79,816,948
Other securities	62,781,143	11,795,052	45,730,445
Loans and deposits with banks			11,629,597
Fixed assets, buildings and land		183,121,100	158,964,251
Subsidiary companies	2,305,241		4,528,412
Premiums for collection and balances with agents	27,025,699		20,932,559
Insurance companies (current accounts and deposits)	16,439,475		18,301,915
Amounts receivable, cash, deposits for a period not exceeding one year, and other assets	27,984,470		14,274,459
		73,907,885	58,037,325
		256,938,985	197,001,576

CAPITAL, RESERVES AND SURPLUS	IL	IL	IL
Share capital	9,671,971		8,965,791
Bonus share distribution reserve	776,921		719,157
Capital reserves	2,770,926		2,770,926
Surplus	12,518,040		9,017,788
		25,737,858	21,463,660
Reserve for extraordinary risks	12,594,938		10,909,975
Life assurance fund	108,578,600		85,690,242
Reserve for unexpired risks in general insurance	26,241,590		18,045,782
Pending claims	52,262,874		34,579,878
Insurance companies (current account and deposits), other liabilities and credit balances	30,538,155		28,512,939
		251,201,127	176,537,916
		256,938,985	197,001,576

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF GENERAL INSURANCE BUSINESS FOR THE YEAR 1972

	IL	IL	IL
Premiums and registration fees for the financial year	59,512,307		42,592,571
Claims	47,075,746		31,570,040
Reserve for extraordinary risks	1,373,387		776,975
Administrative and commission expenses	15,151,835		11,966,253
	63,698,245		44,312,368
Loss on insurance	(4,285,941)		(1,720,797)

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS FOR THE YEAR 1972

	IL	IL	IL
Premiums and policy fees	29,147,006		23,080,852
Income from investments	15,758,359		13,491,159
Less increase in assurance fund	44,935,365		36,482,011
	24,853,358		20,140,205
Claims	6,556,266		7,710,906
Reserve for extraordinary risks	1,194,996		1,535,576
Administrative and commission expenses	7,811,762		5,762,065
	17,563,024		15,008,547
Profit on insurance	2,489,483		1,332,259

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS AND APPROPRIATION FOR THE YEAR 1972

	IL	IL	IL
Profit from life assurance	2,489,483		1,332,259
Loss from general insurance	(4,285,941)		(1,720,797)
Insurance loss	(1,796,458)		(387,558)
Income from investments not included in statements of insurance business	9,257,679		5,367,204
	7,461,221		4,969,686
LESS: administrative and general expenses not charged in statements of insurance business	1,939,796		1,382,325
		5,521,425	3,587,361
Capital profit on sale of property, net (previous year: including cancellation of excess provision for taxation)		2,068,324	576,176
		7,590,809	4,163,517
Write-off equipment and motor cars to nominal value	424,694		323,687
Provision for doubtful debts, including provision for losses in a subsidiary company	400,000		350,000
Provision for taxation	950,000		700,000
		1,774,694	1,373,687
Cancellation of provision for premium for collection above the authorized rates			694,000
			784,687
Net profit after provision for taxation on income	5,835,115		5,378,830
Unappropriated profit at the beginning of the year	182,786		195,495
		6,017,901	5,574,325
Transfer to reserves	3,900,000		1,800,000
Transfer to bonus share distribution reserve, 8%	773,944		716,616
Gross dividend proposed for payment, 12%	1,160,817		1,074,523
		5,834,861	3,591,139
Unappropriated balance of profit		183,040	182,786

NOTES

- A detailed financial statement, complete with notes of the management and auditors report, is available at the Hassneh offices.
- The above advertisement is published pursuant to the Law for the Control of Insurance Business, 1961.

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Aaron hits 704th

HANK Aaron passed Stan Musial in career extra base hits and Babe Ruth's record was only 10 home runs away after the Atlanta slugger pounded career homer No. 704 during Atlanta's 3-1 victory over the Montreal Expos Saturday night.

Aaron's 31st homer of the season — and third in three games — came off Montreal rookie Steve Rogers in the eighth inning.

It left the Braves' slugger only 10 shy of Ruth's career record of 714 and established a record for career extra base hits. The homer was Aaron's 1,378th extra base hit, eclipsing Stan Musial's record of 1,377 which Aaron had tied Friday night.

Results and Standings after Saturday's games by the Associated Press.

CLUB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST

West

RESULTS

Boxing 3, Kansas City 5

Oakland 6, Milwaukee 3

Cleveland 6, Minnesota 0

Baltimore 3, Chicago 9

New York 2, Texas 3

California 4, Detroit 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East

West

RESULTS

New York 12, Cincinnati 1

Chicago 2, Los Angeles 5

Pittsburgh 6, San Francisco 5

San Diego 4, St. Louis 3

Atlanta 3, Montreal 1

Houston 3, Philadelphia 2



SPORTS

BOXING

WORLD Boxing Association ban-

tanweight champion Romeo

Anaya made history repeat itself

Saturday by knocking out Pana-

ma's Enrique Pinder at the end

of the third round of a scheduled 15

round title defense in Los Angeles.

The savage punching Anaya, who

took the title from Pinder with a

third round knockout in Panama

City last January, had Pinder stag-

gering against the ropes in the last

10 seconds of the round and took

him out with two left hooks.

Anaya holds only the World Box-

ing Association's title. The World

Boxing Council recognizes Rafael

Herrera of Mexico as the champion.

SOCCER

AUSTRALIA took a step nearer

the finals of the World Soccer

Cup with a 3-0 victory over Iran

in the first leg of their qualifying

match here Saturday.

Iran will have a tough task

making up the deficit in the return

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Adrian Alston scored Australia's

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SWIMMING

EAST German swimmers broke

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Fourteen-year-old Kornelia En-

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MOTURING

Bigger cars for Cabinet Ministers

By AARON SETPNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Luxurious, air-conditioned Ford Gran Torinos are gradually overtaking Dodge Polaris, Datsun and Corvettes as Israel's "Ministerial cars".

So far two Cabinet members — Messrs Yosef Almog and Shimon Peres — and the two Chief Rabbis have received the new models from the Government Vehicles Administration. The Foreign Minister too uses Gran Torinos to chauffeur foreign V.I.P.'s around, and several more have been ordered by other official agencies — those who do their own purchasing.

One of 11 Torinos manufactured by Ford in the U.S., the Gran Torino, is 3.39 metres long and has a 216-horsepower engine which gives about five to six kilometres per litre of petrol. The price, including taxes and customs, is IL82,960, plus another IL5,100 for the air-conditioner.

In Washington with the U.S. facing an "energy crisis," President Nixon has directed the General Services Administration to reduce substantially the size of the cars and engines to be bought by the Federal Government.

How about Israel? Wouldn't it be more economical to use smaller, European type automobiles, The Jerusalem Post asked Yehudi Alpert, director of the Vehicles Administration. "No, not at all," says Alpert. "We have learned from experience that it is more thrifty to operate a larger car where high kilometrage are involved, and Cabinet Ministers chalk up between 7,000 and 9,000 kms. per month."

He adds: "Though large American cars with official licence plates attract a lot of attention we in fact purchase only about eight new Ministerial cars a year."



A few of Israel's "Ministerial cars" — large by local standards — lined up outside a Government office in Jerusalem's Hakirya.

In a recent departure from past practice, the administration has begun limiting Deputy Ministers and Directors-General of Ministries to cars of up to 2,000 c.c. engine displacement. In practice, this means the gradual phasing out of the familiar Plymouth Valiant and its replacement with Volvos, Alfa Romeos or cars of similar smaller size.

The Vehicles Administration, which spends approximately IL8m. a year on new cars, supervises a fleet of about 1,380 motor vehicles. This includes 450 trucks and tenders, 750 sedans, 65 buses and minibuses and 115 motorcycles and scooters. Of the 750 sedans, 50 are kept in a special motor pool, for temporary use by Government agencies requiring a car while their own automobiles are tied up.

Tenders for maintenance

As a major car buyer, the administration manages to get excellent trade-in deals, usually retrieving 70 per cent of the purchase price when turning a car in after 24 months' service. In fact, the dealer's trade-in terms play a major role in the administration's purchasing decisions.

Maintenance and repair work, like acquisitions, are based on public tenders. The administration prepares its own price list of various repair jobs and circulates it to garages. The best offer, if deemed dependable, wins a

repair contract, which usually runs for two years.

Insurance on Government-owned motor vehicles is handled by two agencies. Third-party coverage is written by commercial insurers and comprehensive insurance by the Government's self-insurance fund.

Since the Government's car pool is not large enough to supply all on-the-job transportation for senior civil servants, a liberal "participation" scheme encourages these people to use their own automobiles. For example, a subsidy of 36 agorot per kilometre plus three quarters insurance and licensing costs are paid by the Government.

The Government Vehicles Administration, with offices in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa, is a smoothly run operation staffed by 35 workers. It is officially part of the Treasury's Accountant-General's office.

Unlike most Government agencies, the administration shuns publicity and its directors refuse to speak with reporters unless Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir's aide, Mr. Dan Halpern, gives them permission to do so. When this reporter asked for a representative list of Ministerial and other automobiles presently owned by the administration — and purchased with tax monies — he was referred to Mr. Halpern. But the Minister's assistant refused.

"I am not interested in having such a list published," he said.

Illegal parking slows buses in Tel Aviv

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Why do the buses move so slowly in Tel Aviv?

A main reason, according to the Dan bus cooperative, is that the streets are cluttered up with illegal parking — blocking not only the buses but all traffic. During the peak traffic hours, buses move at eight kilometres an hour — slightly faster than a horse-drawn cart moving at a moderate pace — as compared to 12 kilometres an hour in 1970, the Dan cooperative claims.

When I went out to see for myself, it appeared that (at least as far as the No.12 line is concerned) the Dan spokesman is right. Cars were parked in every conceivable place, with the favourite spots being "no stopping" zones, followed by the "no parking" zones, and even the bus stops had one or two illegally parked cars. This hampers the bus moving in or out of the bus stop and, more often than not, the bus does not even try, but blocks all traffic behind it while picking up and unloading passengers.

In many cases there were empty city parking places nearby, but the drivers frequently ignored them probably because parking in the legal places means paying the hourly fee. But we saw several municipal inspectors handing out fines.

Parking in the "no stopping" or "no parking" zones, which blocks traffic, or within the bus stop itself, falls within the jurisdiction of the police. I saw no policeman while making a complete circuit on the No.12 line — although three cars were illegally parked in "no stopping" zones in the immediate vicinity of the police car park in Rehov Yehuda Halevi: two were parked close to a corner (against the law because it slows down traffic and blocks vision), two were parked partially on pedestrian crossings (which

prevents bus drivers and other motorists from seeing pedestrians trying to cross the street), and one was parked on the pavement.

Double parking

Another serious violation, especially in Rehov Ibn Gvirol, was double-parking, both in "no stopping" and in "no parking" zones. In another case, a driver was trying to fix his car, which had broken down, almost in the middle of the street, again blocking traffic. (He certainly looked busy enough to push it to one side of the street.) An occasional bicycle and pushcart, moving against traffic in a one-way street, also interfered with the traffic flow.

At two cross-roads, Allenby and Nahlat Binyamin, the crossing was completely blocked by cars trying to edge forward in minor traffic jams.

Total count: there were 68 cars parked in "no stopping" zones, 85 in "no parking" zones, 17 on corners, 12 within bus stations, nine in pedestrian crossings, three were double-parked (two in no stopping zones) and one was parked on the pavement. All this was on one bus route.

'Parking meters waste of money'

LONDON (UPI). — Parking meters are a waste of money, according to a Royal Automobile Club (RAC) spokesman.

He said the RAC made a survey of 36 British cities which operate coin-in-the-slot parking and found two-thirds of the money motorists paid was spent on policing and administering the meters.

British motorists had slipped £24m. (IL28m.) into meters in the 13 years they have been operated in British cities, but administrative costs ate up £17.5m. (IL21m.) of that, he said.

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Volvo risks millions to beat truancy and boredom

By KENNETH HARRIS

DESPITE the success of its cars, Sweden's Volvo company is risking millions on a new plant and a new kind of production, set-up by Fehr Gyllenhammar.

Fehr Gyllenhammar, Volvo's young (38) and forward-looking chairman, explained to me why he was going in for a venture which might mean a loss for his company.

A few years ago Volvo encountered two crippling kinds of trouble, he said. The first was the high rate of labour turnover. So many workers left soon after going on the production line that the expense of training new recruits was becoming impossible.

What drove labour away was the monotony of the job. Volvo thereupon invested a lot of money in job-rotation and job-enrichment. The production pattern was re-arranged so that one man could do several jobs instead of one as the car body went by, and he could exchange jobs with other workers. The high rate of turnover was arrested.

But a second, more lethal, problem succeeded it: absenteeism. The work was now more varied, but men still found it lonely. They were dotted along the production line at unsociable intervals. Men stayed away, not so much to play truant, as to enjoy company. The high and wide benefits of the Swedish Welfare State financed these "holidays".

The Volvo found that he could take several weeks off, yet collect as much cash as though he had worked on his day job.

Circle shape

Volvo's answer to this is the new plant. The long linear belt is abolished. The new plant is in the shape of a circle with five broad star rays radiating from it. Every morning a platoon of 15 to 20 men will enter each of the star-rays — finding themselves in their own little complex of recreation rooms, bathrooms and canteen: a home away from home, a little club, only a few yards from their work.

They will change into working clothes and proceed into the circular

hall to the car body, or bodies, on which they are to work. In their own time and at their own pace, they will share out chores, taking things in turn, swapping tasks to break down monotony. All this will be under the supervision of one of their number whom they elect to be their supervisor. Four other platoons are doing the same thing, but at different stages of production. When one bay has finished the car bodies on which it has worked, they are trundled to the bay on their left, while other bodies are trundled in from the right.

Yes, said Gyllenhammar, there had been, and may yet be, a lot of difficulties. Many of the traditional type of foremen did not like the new system and many of the trades union officials did not like it either. A system of electing supervisors could lend itself to abuse. One disgruntled or unhappy platoon could hold up production considerably, and maybe the rate of production would be slower in the end.

Bankrupt anyway

"But in spite of this you risk millions of pounds on it?"

"Yes," said Gyllenhammar. "It doesn't come off, we go bankrupt anyway."

The only other solution he said, "would be the political one: abolish or reduce the scope of the Welfare State." This would be inhumane and retrograde. And it would produce other problems. Contrary to the assumption of the Welfare State, industry cannot be based on the utopian and puritanical thesis that men love to work. They do not.

The car industry is of critical importance to the economies of the EEC countries. It is also something of a crystal ball for all of Europe's industry. The extension of the Welfare State and the broadening of "boredom-with-the-bench" are combining to create serious problems for other countries, especially Britain. It will be interesting to see whether the Volvo plan works and whether it will be adopted elsewhere. (O/na)

New type of used car lot

SANTA MONICA, California (AP). — A new type of used car lot was opened here recently by two enterprising young men looking for extra income in their spare time.

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AMBASSADOR KEATING

WHEN Ambassador Kenneth B. Keating was sworn in last week, Secretary of State Rogers emphasized the fact that Israel-American relations have never been better than at this time. This was a most auspicious send-off for the sixth American Ambassador to serve in Israel since our independence.

Mr. Keating comes to us with a rich and varied background in politics and diplomacy. Nor is he a newcomer to Israel and her problems, thus it can be expected that he will settle into his new job rapidly.

Ambassador Keating is not another political appointee. He has served with distinction in both Congress and the Senate, where he represented the State of New York. He is familiar with the Jewish leadership of that state, and through it, with Israel. In a most crucial time for his country, he served as Ambassador to India and won high praise both in Washington and New Delhi. He is respected by the President and esteemed by the Department of State, where, for the past few months, he has

been immersed in the study of Israel-American relations. Israel will welcome the new Ambassador as the representative of this country's best and greatest friend. Although not a professional diplomat, his wisdom and experience have surely prepared him for the new task and new challenges which now face him.

Ahead of Israel and the United States are still the many unresolved problems which continue to arise from the impasse in the Middle East, the efforts to reach a partial settlement for the re-opening of the Suez Canal, the new problems presented by the so-called energy crisis and the threats from oil-producing Arab countries; and above all the delicate fabric of our bilateral relations. All these call for much patience, understanding and imagination. It is fortunate for all concerned that Kenneth Keating possesses these qualities as he joins the line of distinguished American Ambassadors who have served in Israel. We hope profoundly that he may succeed in his new mission.

SOVIET DEFENSIVE PLAY

THE old idea that sports and games teach fair play and magnanimity as between winners and losers has been killed by many years of riots on football fields, fraud in football pools and payments to amateurs. But it remained for the Soviet Union to raise basketball to the rank of a political arena in which to fight Israel.

The Israel team was permitted to attend the Universiade, it must be supposed, because Moscow is angling for future Olympic Games and cannot afford to exclude teams arbitrarily, though these considerations did not go so far as to permit the Israel news teams to get to Moscow. Russian methods are rough: the newsmen's visas were snatched from their passports in Zurich without ceremony.

In the meantime the Israeli basketball team managed to defeat the Belgian students and, horror upon horror, the volleyball team submerged the Soviet Mongolians, a somewhat backward nation that may still

believe that time at university should be spent solidly with books.

Our basketball team also did pretty well against the Brazilians, giants at sports, going down to defeat by only 65-58. And that with the gymnasium packed with uniformed Soviet soldiers whistling and cat-calling every time the ball was in Israeli hands, and shouting down a few heroic Moscow Jews who had managed to get in and wanted to root for their fellow Jews. We hope the Brazilians will come here soon, and we will make sure that there will be somebody to cheer them. Most of the rest of the Israel delegation had been kept from the previous day's game by a car that obstructed their bus on the pretence of guiding it.

The Russians have a detente with the U.S. now. It is time someone told them that they really do not need several hundred soldiers to protect the Soviet Union against five Israeli student basketballers. They lost anyway.

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Prague's facade of affluence soon discover a picture of apathy, disillusionment, passive resistance and pent-up hatred."

MOSAIC OF A SAD COUNTRY

"WE'VE already taken care of other little countries, so why not yours, too? And as for the intelligentsia, don't worry. In 50 years there'll be a new generation, healthier than this one."

Those coldly cynical remarks were attributed to Leonid Brezhnev during one of his heated exchanges with Czechoslovakia's Alexander Dubcek in the week after the 1968 invasion.

Five years have passed since then, and 45 remain left to go. That is still plenty of time. But if the mood in Prague on the eve of the fifth anniversary of Moscow's suppression of "Communism with a human face" is any indication, Brezhnev's timetable for "normalization" is running behind schedule.

Outwardly, of course, everything looks normal enough.

Personal incomes have risen nearly six per cent during the past year and the stores brim with consumer goods on which to spend the money. Butcher shops are well stocked. Delicatessens brim with smoked hams, sausages of many varieties, plump roasted chickens revolving on spits, tins of Chinese pork, Mexican prawns, Scotch whiskeys and even Coca-Cola.

Sales, not slogans

The posters plastered across store windows during the last week of July did not proclaim Communist Party slogans but summer closing sales with drastically reduced prices.

According to the official press, the supply of automobiles exceeds demand, making Czechoslovakia the first Communist country to achieve this degree of consumer bliss. To induce more purchasing, cars are now available on the installment plan with 30 per cent down and three years to pay at five per cent interest.

On Prague's Wenceslas Square long-haired, blue-jeaned Czech boys and pretty mini-skirted girls mix freely with the thousands of Western tourists who have flooded the country this summer. The statue of Good King Wenceslas himself, focal

point of so many bloody and heart-rending demonstrations in the weeks and months after the invasion, is hidden from view behind a high board fence. Not for political reasons, but to protect it from the construction work on the new subway which Prague, like so many West European cities, is building.

But visitors who succeed in penetrating Czechoslovakia's facade of affluence soon discover a different picture — of apathy, disillusionment, passive resistance and pent-up hatred.

There are the little signs, the inferences between the lines of the tightly controlled press, the chance remarks, the carefully phrased viewpoints which form the mosaic of a sad country and populace.

Take the cinemas which are showing some really excellent recent Soviet films. They are nearly empty. But those screening the tragi-comic Western movies are packed and crowded.

First a Fiat

Then there's the man who recently bought a Soviet-made Fiat-Zhiguli sedan and who says defensively: "Well, it is a good car, and to me it's a Fiat first, then maybe a Zhiguli." Or take the Prague resident who says that the only recent political issue to arouse interest was a rumored increase in the price of beer.

A taxi driver — until the post-invasion purge a Party member and prominent researcher at a scientific institute — is seen reading a book while waiting for fare. He keeps it wrapped in newspaper. "I just think it's better not to show anyone what I read," he explains. "Besides, it has not been published here. I got it from a German tourist." The book is Heinrich Böll's "Group Picture with Lady."

A prominent but purged, discredited writer tells an Italian Communist correspondent: "Things were better even under (Antonin) Novotny. At least there were discussions in the Party, different viewpoints and opinions, a living dialectic. Now there is nothing but ideological petrification and intellectual hibernation." The official

admits that Communist Party membership is down more than 500,000 from its Spring 1968 high and probably at its lowest point in 25 years of Communist rule.

A Foreign Ministry official concedes discreetly that despite the five-month-old amnesty aimed at persuading 60,000 emigre Czechoslovaks to return home, the number who have come back "is not too great... perhaps several thousand."

These are fleeting impressions of the mood in Czechoslovakia today. But the most trenchant sign is the grave of Jan Palach, the student who set himself afire in Wenceslas Square in January 1969 in protest against the Soviet occupation. It is covered with fresh wreaths and new flowers every day.

The conflicting picture between the "outer" and the "inner" Czechoslovakia, observers here feel, is the result of Party Chief Gustav Husak's obviously ambiguous policy. Husak is offering the carrot of beer-and-dumplings Communism as a counter-balance to the big stick of intellectual and political repression which he still wields.

He is trying to emulate the policy which Janos Kadar, the Hungarian Party leader, implemented successfully following the suppression of the revolution in Hungary in 1956.

Husak's difficulty is that Czechoslovakia, with their Good Soldier Schweik mentality of passive resistance, are not Hungarians.

Moreover, Husak, a moderate in the post-invasion lineup of political leaders, is still fighting a rear-guard action against the hardliners in the Party, notably Vasil Blask and Alois Indra.

Still strong

It is difficult to say how much Kremlin support these two men, once Moscow's choice for running Czechoslovakia, still enjoy. But their power and influence remain strong.

The Kremlin is, however, worried about the present narrow base of the Czechoslovak Communist Party and feels that morale in the country is too low to risk a cutback in the Soviet garrison which might result from the troop reduction talks in Vienna.



The 700-year-old Bohemian coal mining town of Most has been completely rebuilt in place of old hovels (top), there are new apartment houses, broad streets and gardens. But beer and dumplings communism has not pleased the Czechoslovak people.

Moscow is also concerned about pending trouble in Prague's economy and scientific-technological spheres as a consequence of the exclusion of so many intellectuals from active life. An estimated 40 per cent of the country's industrial managers were removed during the post-invasion purges of reformers. Some 100,000 of the most able intellectuals, politicians, teachers and professors, scientists and technicians, managers and trade union officials, and journalists were removed from their jobs. Those permitted employment are relegated to menial labor, like driving taxicabs.

This drain on the country's intelligentsia is beginning to tell.

Husak, apparently prodded by Moscow, began moving toward a reconciliation with ousted Party members, intellectuals, technicians and scientists last autumn in a tentative move to re-integrate them into society. The hardliners on the Party's presidium stopped him before the effort even got started.

Instead, the pendulum is swinging the other way. An even tougher cultural line seems to be taking shape since the ouster of Miloslav Brzdek, the Czech minister of culture, last May.

Although there have been no new trials of prominent dissenters recently, police surveillance has been stepped up. A harsher penal code, imposing new restrictions on individual freedoms, civil rights and the rights of the defence in political criminal proceedings, was adopted in June.

Five years after the invasion the men whose reform ideas prompted it are relegated to silence and oblivion. The new kind of Communism they hoped to create remains a dashed dream.

Lod should be Jerusalem's airport

ISRAEL PRESS

OPPOSITION BLOC

Ha'arets (non-party) writes: "The decision to set up the national liberal bloc is an important step towards establishment of an opposition alignment in the elections to the Knesset, and marks the special effort made by the Free Centre in agreeing to concessions with regard to the list of candidates. The places accorded members of the Free Centre and the State List will be an indication of the nature of the new alignment — namely, whether it will or will not be a real opposition."

Al Hamalakmar (Mapam) remarks: "It is paradoxical that the rightist factions, which in the past called explicitly for breaking the Histadrut's power, are now campaigning for votes in order to increase their influence in the self-same Histadrut, which is such anathema to them. Hopefully, the workers will not be led astray by the unrestrained demagoguery of the Right."

Davar (Histadrut) is of the opinion that the latest incidents in the Suez area are linked to the reports of the presence of North Korean pilots in Egypt and resumption of the supply of arms from the Soviet Union. The paper accordingly

concludes that termination of the American involvement in South-East Asia is accompanied by the transfer of Asian Communist activity to the Middle East. The paper further voices concern that Cairo might risk a military adventure, because of the enhanced impression of the increase in her aerial strength.

Kanessia (Agudat Yisrael), calling for increased alertness regarding the new situation in the region — with North Korean pilots active in Egypt, concludes that the Soviets have changed their attitude to Egypt, providing her with aid at second hand.

She'arim (Poalei Agudat Yisrael) writes: "A situation has arisen in the Persian Gulf similar to the one which obtained in the Balkans prior to the First World War, and which led to the conflagration there. The Gulf area boasts of oil, arms and competition between the two superpowers. The giants, however, are determined to keep the fires in the region low and prevent tragic developments."

Hatzofe (National Religious) complains about desecration of the Sabbath in Tel Aviv.

AS the El-Al Jumbo jet touched down its 400 passengers — mostly young people coming to Israel for summer camps — broke into wild applause and an enthusiastic rendering of "Hevenu Shalom Aleichem." Thirty seconds later, the chief steward's voice was heard over the communications system, announcing that "we have just landed at Lod — Tel Aviv's airport — and the local time is 12:00."

One would have thought that by the 25th anniversary of the State of Israel, Jerusalem the Capital would have taken its rightful place in welcoming passengers on all incoming flights. But no.

Ever since British Mandatory days, the chief flight steward has been announcing that "the plane has just landed at Lod — Tel Aviv's airport" and no one has given the matter a second thought. Jerusalem master doesn't exist on the international flight map. We are apparently quite satisfied that every tourist, businessman, student or

long-lost cousin eager to look up his Israeli relatives books his flight to Tel Aviv, gets his ticket to Tel Aviv and has his luggage stamped TLV, just as though Tel Aviv were his real destination and any visit he might make to Jerusalem were purely incidental, similar to a visit to a kibbutz or to the desert and the Dead Sea.

It would be superfluous to recall the place Jerusalem holds in the hearts of World Jewry as the capital of Israel. But apart from its official significance, since the Six Day War Jerusalem has become the focal point for tourists visiting Israel. Few people realize, for example, that in 1966, tourists visiting Israel spent about 35 per cent of their nights in Tel Aviv hotels and about 14 per cent in Jerusalem, while the latest figures show 30 per cent of their nights spent in Jerusalem and only about 24 per cent in Tel Aviv hotels! If the percentage of bednights spent in Tel Aviv increases slightly with the completion of the gigantic

PERSONAL OPINION

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hobol plans for that city, it is doubtful whether this will mean a corresponding decrease in the number of bednights spent in Jerusalem. Lod is known as the Tel Aviv terminal. Jerusalem has its own airport at Atarot — in volume of flights, a smaller version of Sde Dov outside Tel Aviv. Even though the Atarot landing field has been lengthened to accommodate small and medium jets, it is not intended to compete (and never will) with the Lod International airport (nor will Sde Dov). The distance from Lod to Jerusalem is not short by Israeli standards. But by international standards Lod

can be regarded as serving Jerusalem. Lod is nearer Jerusalem than Stockholm's international airport is from Stockholm. It is quicker to reach Jerusalem from Lod than it is to get to the West End of London from Heathrow. In the days before flight travel, Jaffa was thought of as the port of Jerusalem and the Lod railway station, on the Kantara-Haifa line, was where people changed trains to go to Jerusalem. It would surely be logical in the jet age, therefore, to consider Lod as the Jerusalem airport. And once the new road linking Sde Dov to Hagai to Lod is finished, it will be possible to reach the airport from Jerusalem in little more than half an hour!

Another indication of the failure to see Jerusalem in her organic place as a tourist centre is the fact that the airlines have no shuttle service between Jerusalem and Lod Airport, nor is there a separate terminal for the hourly bus linking Jerusalem with the international airport (a service which does not operate

between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. in any case).

It would not be costly to change the name of Lod from "Tel Aviv International Airport" to "Jerusalem International Airport." The only reason for delaying such a change could be to put off the decision in principle. Does the Government really want to see Lod as the international airport of Jerusalem? Is it important for Israel's capital to have its own international airport? If the answers to these two questions are in the affirmative, the change could be effected gradually, by putting up the appropriate signs and by making announcements to the airlines and those states with which we have diplomatic relations.

If the decision is taken in principle, and then put into effect, the applause of incoming tourists when they hear the chief flight steward announce that "we have just landed at Lod — Jerusalem International Airport" can be expected to be loud and even more enthusiastic.

Readers' letters

Nahariya development

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, I was glad to read Grotel Stein's letter to the Editor (July 26) in which she deplores the lack of progress which is catching up with Nahariya. She expresses exactly my feelings and those of many of my friends and fellow-citizens here.

I would like to comment on the reply from the Municipality of Nahariya. "... it has become a dynamic and efficient city which attracts investment from Israel and abroad, and enjoys a building boom and considerable development in industry, tourism and other economic fields."

No one would argue about the fact that building is booming. But the building is denser than allowed by law, higher than allowed by law, much of it done in a haphazard patchwork attempt to solve each separate housing problem as it arises, with no provision for parking spaces, recreation areas or parks, not to mention the overcrowding of the educational facilities in certain areas.

Industry is developing, but the industrialists I have spoken to all say it is in spite of the Municipality, not because of it.

As far as tourism is concerned, Nahariya has lost many of the attractions it once had, and is fast losing those few left. It is no longer

green, quiet and clean, but has become a rather noisy, dirty, choked-up town with a highly overcrowded beach that has not been developed by the Municipality in 15 years to keep up with a rise in population from 2,000 to 25,000 in addition to the great influx of summer visitors.

The innocent faith of the citizens here that the Municipality elected by them was indeed doing its best for the good of the town has been shaken considerably. Hopefully, this will be reflected in the coming elections.

Much recent constructive criticism has been rebuffed by the Municipality who saw behind it "an axe to grind or political reasons." If wanting a clean, green, spacious town for all of our children to live in is "an axe to grind" then the Municipality is right.

Nahariya, July 31.

PEN FRIENDS
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LEGAL AID FOR HIJACKER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I don't believe in hijacking and know it's dangerous and illegal and wish to offer financial aid in getting the best lawyer for the Arab hijacker in order that he be represented, not for hijacking, but for his words of understanding for the Israeli cause. I will be in Israel in September. Financial arrangements will be set up.

HARRY VEINER, Mayor Medicine Hat, Canada, August 18.

COMMUNIST CONTROVERSIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — In her letter to The Jerusalem Post (July 31) Mrs. Esther Vilenka states that she has not left Maki and claims that there was a split in the party. She also says that she only acted for the establishment of an oppositionary front to annexation, and claims to speak in the name of the opposition within Maki.

At the last conference of Maki, 15 per cent of the delegates voted for the resolutions submitted by the opposition, which was headed by Mr. Mikumin. General secretary of the party, Mr. Shmuel Mikumin strongly condemns the splitting efforts of Esther Vilenka. Of those who supported the resolutions proposed by the opposition, only a handful left with Esther Vilenka. Her leaving the party and her joining up with Uri Avneri cannot therefore be considered as a split in the party. Nor does it represent the formation of an oppositionary front of anti-annexationists. Taking into consideration the declarations of Esther Vilenka during the last few years, one could assume that her joining up with Uri Avneri is not the final station, but one on the road to her joining Rakhah. The actions of Esther Vilenka prove that her intention is not to establish an anti-annexationist front, but to hamper it.

B. BALZIN
Maki spokesman
Tel Aviv, August 10.

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